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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S APRIL 8 SPEECH ON LAW OF SEA AND NEW U.S.

PROPOSALS: QATAR VIEWS

REF: (A) STATE 84997, (B) STATE 85109

1. ON APRIL 10 AMBASSADOR MADE PRESENTATION BASED ON REF B AND GAVE COPY OF SECY'S LOS SPEECH TO DR. HASSAN KAMEL, AMIR OF QATAR'S SENIOR POLITICAL/DIPLOMATIC/LEGAL ADVISER. KAMEL IS ONLY PERSON IN GOQ HIERARCHY WHO IS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT LOS ISSUES, AND HE WILL BE PERSON TO WHOM GOQ TURNS FIRST AND LAST FOR ADVICE AND GUIDANCE. AS MATTER OF FORM, WE WILL PROVIDE COPIES OF SPEECH TO AMIR AND FOREIGN MINISTER AS WELL.

2. KAMEL AGREED COMPLETELY ON URGENCY OF PRESSING FOR CONCLUSION OF LOS TREATY THIS YEAR, LEST OPPORTUNITY BE LOST. HE Praised SECY'S EMPHASIS ON GLOBAL INTERDEPENDENCE THEME. HE Said SECY WAS FIRST MAJOR POWER SPOKESMAN TO ARTICULATE THIS THEME PERSUASIVELY AND FORCEFULLY, WITH THE IMPLIED RECOGNITION THAT THE DAYS WHEN A HANDFUL OF POWERFUL COUNTRIES COULD IMPOSE THEI

UWILL ON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WERE OVER. KAMEL NOTED THAT QATAR, AS A COASTAL STATE, HAD VITAL INTEREST IN SUCCESSFUL INTERNATIONAL REGIME FOR THE OCEANS.

3. RE SPECIFIC NEW US PROPOSALS, KAMEL HAD NO COMMENT TO MAKE ON THOSE RELATED TO MARINE SCIENCE RESEARCH. ON DISPUTE SETTLEMENT MECHANISM, HE CONCURRED THAT COMPLEXITY OF LOS TREATY DEMANDED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRIBUNAL WHICH WOULD HAVE BINDING AUTHORITY TO SETTLE DISPUTES. ON DEEP SEABED REGIME, ALTHOUGH KAMEL LISTENED CAREFULLY TO US PROPOSALS, HE APPEARED TO LEAN DECISIVELY TOWARD ALL-POWERFUL INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY.

4. KAMEL SAID THAT HE WOULD BRING SECY'S SPEECH, AND SPECIFICALLY US PROPOSALS, TO IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THE AMIR. HE COMMENTED THAT HIS APPROVED FOR RELEASE 20240828 BY CIA-RDP82S00697R000400140041-6

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STATED THAT HE WOULD STUDY SECY'S SPEECH CAREFULLY AND THEREAFTER AND AS LOS CONFERENCE PROGRESSSED WE WOULD BE IN TOUCH FURTHER. PAGANELLI

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